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## U.N.R.R.A. Meets In Canada

IT WAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED that the second meeting of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, now commonly known as U.N.R.R.A., will take place in Canada, in June. The first gathering was held in Atlantic City, in November, 1943, when detailed plans were drawn up for a world-wide program of relief and rebuilding. The problems faced by this organization are enormous, and the proceedings of the approaching meeting in Montreal will be of great interest to the people of all the United Nations. As the tempo of the Allied offensive against Germany increases, the importance of having a well-organized plan for the relief of war victims, particularly in the countries now occupied by Germany, is apparent. The function of U.N.R.R.A. is to "plan, co-ordinate and administer, or arrange for administration, of measures of relief of war victims in any area under the control of the United Nations."

### Positions Held By Canadians

Represented on U.N.R.R.A. are thirty-three United Nations, ten associated nations, and the French Committee of National Liberation. The Director-General is Mr. Herbert H. Lehman, a former governor of New York State. Mr. Lehman was also at one time the United States' Director of Relief Operations and he has had wide experience as an administrator and in the realm of social reform. The Deputy Director is Sir Arthur Salter, a British expert on economic relations and international transport, who has held many important administrative posts in the government of Great Britain. A Canadian, Mr. L. B. Pearson, Minister-Counsellor of the Canadian Embassy at Washington, is the chairman of the key committee on supplies. Other Canadians who are giving their services, include Mr. Andrew Cairns of Edmonton, who is chief of the division of food, and Miss Mary Craig McGeachy, director of relief.

### Many Resources To Be Required

The purpose of U.N.R.R.A. is to "heal the scars of war" by the provision of clothes, food and medical supplies, and to rebuild the war-torn countries from the standpoint of economics and agriculture. All this will be done with the object of putting these countries as soon as possible, in a position to help themselves. It is apparent that this all represents a task of enormous proportions. Estimates of some of the financial resources which will be needed include: a billion and a half dollars from the United States, 320 millions from Britain, 90 millions from Canada, and 40 millions from Australia. These make up only a portion of the total requirements. Other resources which must be made available will be twenty-three and a half million tons of shipping to carry raw materials, and fifty million tons of food. As a great agricultural country it is clear that Canada has an important part to play in the work of U.N.R.R.A., and the forthcoming meeting will be of great interest here, and to the people of all the United Nations.

## "I've found I can give up dosing!"

"I've found a far better way to correct constipation! One that gives me the kind of lasting relief I've always wanted, and never got, from harsh pills and purgatives. I've tried ever since, but it's KELLOGG'S ALL-BRAN regularly, or several ALL-BRAN muffins every day. Drink plenty of water. See if you don't prize its welcome relief! Get ALL-BRAN at your grocer's 2 convenient sizes. Made by Kellogg in London, Can.



### Policy Of Expansion

Britain Will Try To Keep Up Employment After The War  
Col. the Hon. J. J. Astor, president of the Empire Press Union and publisher of the London Times said at Ottawa, Canada, that the empire will have to keep up employment, purchasing share of the home market by a policy of expansion and by adaptations of the "strictest principles" of finance.

In an address prepared for delivery before the Ottawa Canadian Club, Col. Astor said that, like Canadians, the people of Britain now are thinking not only of the war but also of the peace, even though their first preoccupation is the war effort.



## Discover Home Skin Remedy

This clean stainless antiseptic known all over Canada as Moore's Emerald Oil, is the best skin remedy ever made. Barber's Itch, Salt Rheum, Itching Tens and Feats are often relieved in a few days. Moore's Emerald Oil is pleasant to use and is easily absorbed. It is a fact that many old stubborn cases of long standing are easily cured by Moore's Emerald Oil. It is sold by good druggists everywhere and helps aid you in your skin troubles—satisfaction or money back.

### Empire News

#### Much To Be Done In Spreading Information When War Ends

While the collection and distribution of Empire news have been greatly improved, much more remains to be done in the way of regular publication of this type of news in the peace years.

It is a complaint of long standing that the British daily newspapers devote little space even in normal times to news of Empire origin.

Their main preoccupation is with European developments. Similarly, the press of the Dominions and colonies largely neglects to chronicle leading events in sister Dominions. Distance, of course, is an impediment to the growth of keen interest but now that the war has revealed their strong community of interest and mutual aims, there may be an improvement along this line when the war ends.

Calgary Herald.

#### PLENTY OF WORK PROMISED

Canadian industrialists have plans already in their desks to employ 25 per cent more workers and to purchase new equipment running into millions of dollars by the end of the first year of the post-war period, a survey made by the Financial Post indicates. The survey covers 2,400 Canadian firms, employing 50 hands or more.

According to the last census, 78 per cent of the Canadian homes had radios.

### Commands Bands



—Canadian Army photo.

Captain Grace McNeill of Hamilton, Ont., who has been appointed officer commanding the C.W.A.C. Pipe and Military Bands. Capt. McNeill will accompany the bands on their eighth month Dominion tour, which has started in the Maritimes.

### Dominion Tour

Captain Grace McNeill Commands Women's Army Pipe and Military Bands

Appointment of Capt. Grace McNeill of Hamilton, Ont., as officer commanding the Canadian Women's Army Corps Pipe and Military Bands was announced by National Defence Headquarters.

Recently returned from a course of instruction with the A.T.S. overseas, Capt. McNeill left Ottawa to join the C.W.A.C. bands in St. John, N.B. She will accompany them on their eighth month Dominion tour.

One of the pioneer members of the C.W.A.C. Capt. McNeill took her basic training with the first class at Macdonald College, Que., in February 1942. She received her commission in June of the same year.

Previous to joining the A.T.S. course in Britain, Capt. McNeill held the post of Company Commander at the C.W.A.C. basic training centre at Kitchener, Ont.

### SMILE AWHILE

"I love your daughter, sir. I would suffer to my dying day if she should ever cause her a moment's pain."

"You're right, young man, you would. I know that girl."

"Have you a speaking acquaintance with the woman next door?"

"A speaking acquaintance? I know her so well that we don't speak at all."

Jane—Did you observe that Perry Wheeler gave me his first dance last evening?

Grace—Yes, he told me later on he believed in getting distinction done as soon as possible.

Nervous Passenger—What if a bridge has been hit and the train falls into the river?

Guard—That's all right, sir. We have plenty of trains.

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## CANADA IN BRITAIN

Canadians Study English Manners Of Speech And Custom

In a quiet corner of a field a Canadian officer was lecturing the soldiers of his company on the situation on the Russian front. He finished, and one of the men spoke out:

"You want to watch yourself, sir. You used 'actually' 15 times in that lecture. We kept count."

To the Canadian mind no other word is quite so representative of the speech of the Englishman as this name "actually." Few other cases could better illustrate the seeming barriers Canadians in Britain have erected over more than four years against English manners of speech and custom.

Their existence as a body, as virtually a colony, perhaps gives strength to this determination. The man who shows a tendency to "go Linley"—Canadians insist on branding Englishmen, Welshmen and all but the most obvious Scot with the nickname that sprang originally from London's Limehouse district—is promptly marked.

Among the considerable number of things that have surprised the English in these four years is that they, the English, not the Canadians, speak "English" with an accent. The Canadian, however, is prone to "forget" them for their expressions and devote his entire to the Canadian who speaks English.

The Canadian has looked, however, with growing approbation on this business of almost perpetual tea, but he has found it trying now and then to have the Englishman assume that, because he is Canadian, he automatically takes coffee.

He has never quite recovered from the shock and jubilation of discovering the large number of English pubs and he has never quite solved the mystery of how so high a proportion of the population can make a living selling beer. Maybe he has not heard the saying, "Put your faith in an Englishman's thirst. It's gold in the bank."

He has come to regard the pub as an institution, as much a part of life as bread and butter and taxation.

He thinks he is the best skater in the world and he is surprised to step into a rink and find Englishmen doing things on skates he would never dare try. Of course, he insists, they do the "fancy stuff."

He is somewhat bewildered at the maze of roof-top chimneys and half-heated homes and at the spectacle of grocers and butchers working with doors open in winter time.

The Canadian thinks the English girl is a good sport, but in his steps he never heard of. He may have been stationed in one southern district which became so Canadianized that when one English girl was asked how she had enjoyed a dance with an Englishman she replied: "Oh, he's very nice—but sooo English."

He has had four years to study the English way of life and he is going to go back home with first-

## Soccer Victor Overseas Autographs Ball



—Canadian Army Overseas photo.  
After winning Canadian Army Soccer Final, Sgt. J. Tantrum, captain of winning team from Western Canada, writes his name on the ball, held by Sgt. George Strachan of Toronto, captain of the losing team. Tantrum hails from Cumberland, B.C.

## Heat By Radio

British Experts Believe That Heat Can Be Received Through The Ether

Heat by wireless is one of the many post-war improvements scientists in Britain hope to make available to the general public when the attention can be turned from war machines.

Wireless experts predict a day when homes will have a special heat aerial with a heat meter attached. Heat will then be received through the ether from a central station generating heat and transmitting it in much the same manner that a broadcasting station transmits sound.

## Good Ghost Story

Japs Say Dead Soldiers At Attu Fought For Three Weeks

A ghost story to end all ghost stories is being circulated by the Japanese to bolster home morale. It insists that after all Japanese troops had been evacuated from Attu spirits of dead soldiers engaged American troops for three weeks, even staging counter-attacks. It adds that in the South Pacific, too, Japanese spirits putting up a good fight, bringing men determined to the enemy, causing them "to kill themselves as a result of nervous breakdown and morbid fear!"—New York Sun.

hand knowledge of things that were once words in books. If he has liked something, he will say so, and if he hasn't liked something, he will say so, too.

But there is one thing you can count on; the Canadian who was over here when the bombing was tough has a deep admiration for English courage.

## Loses A Leg But Flies Again



R.C.A.F. Photo.

Although he lost a leg when his Spitfire crashed near Dover in 1942, Warrant Officer W. G. "Bill" Scrimgeour of Milverton, Ontario, is again flying as a fully qualified pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Determined to make the best of his misfortune, Bill first learned to ride, bike and ice skate with his temporary peg leg, meanwhile teaching the theory of flight at No. 1 I.T.S., Toronto. When his artificial limb was fitted he went to Souris, Manitoba, as a control tower officer and was there able to get in some dual flying. Recently he qualified to fly any type of aircraft and soon hopes to be over the English Channel in a Spitfire again. Few realize Bill has an artificial leg and girls tell him he dances as well as ever.

## Aerial Assault

Dusting Program To Combat Spruce Budworm In Ontario Forests

Use of an autogiro to carry out an experimental dusting program to combat spruce budworm and jackpine budworm in Ontario forests is planned for this summer by the department of lands and forests, it was made known at Toronto.

Twenty thousand dollars has been appropriated to cover the cost of the aerial assault on the two parasites which have damaged thousands of acres of spruce and jackpine stands.

However, the speed of autogiro experiments is only part of the department's programme. Traps will be installed on provincial air service aircraft to gather in some of the pests and determine the manner in which they are spread. One man in each forestry district will be assigned to full-time insect work. Men will be supplied for special insect surveys.

In addition, a laboratory will be established at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., at which all Ontario investigation will be centralized. Scientific personnel will be supplied by the federal government.

Spruce budworm, which first was discovered 125 years ago in Canadian forests, kills off white spruce and balsam. Black spruce appears to be immune. Main infestations are found in Algonquin park, the Mississauga river watershed in the Sault Ste. Marie area, and in an area west of Lake Nipigon in the Thunder Bay district.

The jackpine budworm came to Ontario from Manitoba, first infesting stands in the Kenora district. It has spread east to jackpine stands in the Michipicoten area and along the Algoma Central railway north of Sault Ste. Marie.

## A Master Chemist

Research Discovers That Methyl Greatly Aids Work Of Nutrition

A man in America, called a methyl, something which goes both vitamins in maintaining health, and can be had only in certain protein foods, was described to the American Chemical Society at Cleveland. A Canadian scientist co-operated in the discovery.

Methyl is the familiar poison in wood alcohol, and also is known to chemists in thousands of other compounds. In all except three of them it is poisonous.

The three exceptions are the methyl in choline, a V vitamin, and in two of the acids found in some proteins. The foods containing the methyl chemical include egg-yolk, soybeans and numerous meats and vegetables.

A diet which includes a wide variety is good insurance of getting enough methyl. In sufficient methyl resembles a vitamin deficiency.

The report was made by G. C. Supplee of the Borden Company and four associates. Credit for discovering methyl's role goes to Prof. Vincent du Vigneaud, Cornell Medical School; Prof. Charles H. Best of Toronto, co-discoverer of insulin; and Prof. Henry C. Eckstein, University of Michigan.

Methyl's health role is, first, to aid food in its nutrition job. Dr. Supplee said it can be called the body's lubricant. Second, methyl maintains good working order in vital organs. Third, it is a detoxicant, destroying some of the poisons which accumulate in the body.

Lack of methyl causes excess fat in the liver, and damages kidneys. The letter explained, must be discarded and patched over and over again, since new clothes are unobtainable, and this has contributed to the scarcity of both needles and pins.

The letter also quoted the following black market prices: cooking oil, \$30 per bottle; bread, \$3 for a 28-ounce loaf; petroleum, \$3.50 per liter, or about 34 ounces; cigarettes, \$7 for a ration coupon entitling the holder to a weekly ration of 20 cigarettes; milk, \$1.50 for a ration coupon for a liter of milk.

In an effort to prevent Hollander, many of whom were described as suffering from "invasion fever", from abandoning their homes and moving inland, Reich Commissar Arthur Von Seyss-Inquart has issued a proclamation to all Dutchmen to stay where they are and continue working "as long as their homes are outside the real combat zone."

It was reported there were many instances of Hollander staying away from their jobs with sabotage constantly growing.

## Wins D.S.O.

Gurkhas, A Military Clan In India, Are Highly Praised

In this newspaper a delayed dispatch told how a force of Gurkhas with the Fifth Army crept up Hangman's Hill on the night of March 15; in an unprotected position were subject to severe mortar and anti-aircraft fire; were without water or food a good deal of the time. Much of such manna as they got was dropped down in parachutes, a warlike potluck in which the Germans got a share. Intelligent and self-reliant, the little band made its way back to safety on March 27.

The Gurkhas are a military clan or caste that for 175 years has been the ruling class in Nepal, an independent state between British India and Tibet. They are one of the great Indian fighting peoples. They were loyal in the Mutiny. In the First World War they sent some 200,000 men to help of Great Britain, though there are only 1.5 million people in a million Gurkhas. They served and lost heavily in France at Gallipoli, in Mesopotamia. They were with Allenby in Palestine.

In Malaya and Burma in this war they have given the usual good account of themselves. As part of the Indian Fourth Division and the Eighth Army in Tunisia they were in the infantry vanguard at El Alamein. Afterward they helped scatter the Mareth Line. They took 100,000 Italian and German prisoners. The prisoners outnumbered the captors by ten to one. As in the war in France the Gurkhas were quick to learn trench fighting, so in India they have been easy learners of parachuting. They can do all sorts of things with their national curved knife. They would be fine fellows for the jungle. They are easy to get along with, not fidgety about their food, tolerant. We haven't kept close track, but a little less than a year ago five Victoria Crosses had been given to members of the Indian military forces. Gurkhas got two of them.—New York Times.

## Saved Ammunition

Novel Way Members Of R.C.A.F. Squadron Destroyed Hun Fighter

Fil. Lt. Charles Scherf, Australian Mosquito pilot with an R.C.A.F. Mosquito squadron, and WO. Roger Gurnett of Orillia, Ont., don't believe in wasting ammunition. They got on the tail of a Hun fighter who, when he saw them, went into a steep dive. Scherf and Gurnett followed him down, and down and down. The German tried to pull out of his steep dive. Fil. Lt. Scherf, who is the dominant, took leveled off their plane and had him crash into the ground without their having fired a shot.

## PLASTIC TIRES

Automobiles after the war may be rolling around on plastic tires. A Plioflex plastic tire, made by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. and tested for 8,000 miles, is said to have heated up less than synthetic rubber and to have been less affected by the sun than natural rubber tires.

## QUEEN'S UNCLE IS DEAD

Lord Blackburn, 79, an uncle of the Queen by marriage and a former Scottish judge, died suddenly at Edinburgh. His widow, Lady Constance Blackburn, is a sister of the Earl of Strathmore, the Queen's father.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

## GREAT FIGHTING MEN

Constantly on the alert for signs of aircraft in distress, men of the R.C.A.F. winter rescue service scan the churning ice floes that fill the chill Gulf of St. Lawrence. A colorful group, most of the rescue specialists are Maritimers with vigorous years of farming, fishing and mercantile trade.

Spent most of their lives in ceaseless contact with the elements. Guided and supplied by aircraft, they are able to travel scores of miles across shifting ice and open water to bring succor to airmen forced down in the Gulf.

R.C.A.F. Photo.

## Conditions In France

80,000 Frenchmen And Women Have Been Executed Since Nazi Occupation

At least 80,000 Frenchmen and women have been executed since the armistice with Germany and the figure may be as high as 110,000. French officials declared in London.

They estimated that 400,000 have been arrested of nearly 150,000 have been deported to Germany.

## PEOPLE MUST PAY

The Government, contrary to a wide, vague general impression, has no money of its own. The Government's money is the people's money; and all the cost of these planes and blueprints for our well-being, no matter how good they may be, must come out of our own pockets—out of pockets already pretty well emptied by the searching hand of Caesar.—Ottawa Journal.

## LISTEN TO THIS!

"Cruelty has no place in the Japanese character," the Tokyo radio said in an Italian language broadcast to Europe. "We do not like boxing, a cruel sport preferred by Anglo-Saxons"—New York Times.

## A NEW PEACH

Nurseryman R. E. Blodgett of Napa, Idaho, announces that after years of experimenting he has developed a peach larger than present varieties with a pit no larger than that of a cherry.

## Vigil On The Gulf



## DAMAGE DONE BY INSECTS IN GRAIN

Inspections Should Be Made Regularly And Carefully

The insect damage in Canada to many of the products so essential to man's reproduction and survival, announced said H. E. Gray, Division of Entomology, Science Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, at the recent annual meeting of the Pest Control Operators' Association, held at Montreal. It is estimated in the United States that the damage by insects to stored grain and cereal products alone exceeds a total of at least 300 million dollars, or a sum in excess of two dollars for every citizen of the country. While the climate in Canada, said Mr. Gray, is distinctly less favourable than that of the United States for the development of insect pests, Canadian losses are nevertheless large and considerable. Some of them might be avoided by carrying out suitable control measures at the right time.

The losses suffered by stored products insects fall into a number of categories: (1) actual feeding by insects; (2) contamination by presence of insect stages of life, excrement, and webbing; (3) changes in the appearance of the product; (4) damage to containers; (5) damage to buildings; (6) increased cost of the product because of the necessity of trimming and reprocessing; (7) incidental damage; (8) aesthetic damage, that is, as the loss of custom.

Food manufacturers and others can do a great deal to prevent damage to stored commodities by arranging that inspections are made regularly and carefully. Either a qualified employee should be chosen or the services of a pest control operator should be secured on a contract basis for this service. Frequent inspection will keep the manufacturers advised as to the condition of the stocks on hand and infestations can be stopped before they have become well started.

## Services Essential

Sawmill Operator Had Man He Could Not Dispense With

An elastic conception of the basis of exemption from military service, on the ground of indispensability to the war effort, was shown by a Tennessee sawmill operator who filed a petition with the local board for the exemption of a Negro named Willie Hawkins who, he pleaded, was essential to the operation of his mill. "Willie goes to the army, I'll have to shut down," he said emphatically.

Investigation revealed that Willie did not work for the sawmill operator, relates Stanley E. Horn in "This Fascinating Lumber Business." Sternly confronted with this damning fact, the sawmill man readily agreed.

"Oh, no," he said. "Willie don't work for me. He don't work for nobody. He's a crackshot. But you see, before Willie moved into our town I never could keep a mill crew together."

"They would work a week, collect their wages and then take off a few days or a week to spend their money. Since Willie came to town, he's been a craps gunner every Sunday night and all their money, so they have to come back to work Monday morning and I'm able to run full time. I'm getting out lumber for an army camp, and Willie can do the army more good by staying where he is than by going off to war."

## Lunch In The Reich

What To Eat In This Fifth Year Of The War

It has been reported in a German paper that on Jan. 14th Gauckstaeter Hergenroeder stated: "Even in restaurants the apportioned quantity of potatoes has been reduced as reserve quantities must now last longer. This necessitates the public showing a greater understanding of the position and primarily people must not abuse the good intentions of the innkeepers towards greater economy and ask for second helpings. If necessary they may eat an extra slice of bread instead of meat, as this bread (the fifth year of war) is of especially good quality and if not eaten too fresh can be digested by everyone."

## NEWS FOR DUTCH

British and American airmen have been dropping copies of a Dutch-language weekly paper and a monthly magazine over the Netherlands since last May, it was disclosed at London.

To nullify the English sugar blockade, Napoleon started beet-sugar on its way to meeting half the world's sugar needs.

In some places of the desert of Atacama in north Chile no rain is ever known to have fallen.

## ENGLISH WIVES OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN CANADA WITH THEIR CHILDREN



Mrs. James Lawrence with her two-and-one-half-year-old daughter, Ilana, on her way to Port Arthur, Ont., where her husband is stationed with the army. They were married at Croydon, Eng.



Mrs. E. A. Reid with eight-months-old Douglas, who was on her way to join her husband in Calgary, Alta. They were married in Surrey, Eng., in 1942.



Mrs. Jerry LaFlamme and four-months-old Evelyn, who is enjoying her first dish of ice cream. They were on their way to Welland, Ont. Mrs. LaFlamme, an ambulance driver, was buried in rubble in London for 12 hours. Trooper Jerry LaFlamme is still overseas.

## Not Good Guesser

Nothing Has Worked Out As Dr. Goebbel's Predicted

One of Dr. Goebbel's loudest and most frequent screams directed toward Albion had for its subject matter the peridy of Russia. As the alliance of the United Nations took shape and began to look like keeping it, the last hope of the Nazi propagandists lay in trying the Allies apart. Never did he work harder than in trying to plant the seeds of suspicion between Britain, Russia and the United States.

His favorite gambit was the separate peace. America would never dare to turn to Europe, he said, and as soon as the Pacific war was over the Americans would cease all military operations. As soon as the European war was over Britain would be in no condition to lend a hand in the Pacific, even if she wanted to. And as for the Russians, here he reached his topmost note. As soon as the Russians reached their old borders they would conclude a separate peace with Germany.

Today they have driven the Nazis many miles before them since Stalin-grad was liberated, an advance that was "the greatest cause of Hitler's undoing," according to Mr. Churchill. There is no sign that they have any intention to conclude a separate peace or indeed that they intend to cease fighting at all. They are determined and by this time even Goebbel must have discovered it for himself, to conclude the only peace that a German can understand—Montreal Gazette.

To treat Casualties

Emergency Medical Organization Ready For Opening Of Western Front

A big emergency medical organization has been set up in the United Kingdom to treat casualties when the western front is opened, it has been revealed in London.

In town areas across Britain large mansions have been taken over and new buildings have sprung up.

Doctors and nurses have been transported from the United States and Canada to make up the staffs. English W.A.A.F.'s and A.T.S. also have been trained as nursing orderlies.

## NO WORRY FOR HIM

Among 3,100 ration books issued at Dundalk, Ont., was one to an Armentesia township bachelor, applying for the first time. He said he had "got along" without any rationed foods since rationing was instituted almost two years ago.

## DOLL BROUGHT FORTUNE

Rose O'Neill, 69, artist-creator of the Kewpie doll, is dead. Miss O'Neill, former wife of Harry Leon Wilson, humorist-author, designed the Kewpie in 1909 and it made her a fortune estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

## AT HIGH ALTITUDES

South American vicunas, llamas, guanacos and vicunas live at altitudes in the Andes from 6,500 to 17,000 feet above sea level; their grazing area begins where that of sheep ends.

## JUST A REMINDER

The Chinese generally wear five buttons on their coat fronts to remind them of the five principal virtues recommended by Confucius—humanity, justice, order, prudence and rectitude.

## Homes For Britons

New British Plan For Mass Production Of Houses

A new British plan for post-war mass production of prefabricated houses will not only provide 4,000,000 extra homes for Britons but will aid aircraft firms, now turning out thousands of bombers and fighters, in their conversion to peace-time manufacture. Blueprinted by 120 large firms, representing five major British industries—aircraft, plywood, steel tubing, light alloys, and iron and steel—the scheme will benefit from war-learned schemes in aircraft construction and design. For example, Britain, unused to central heating, will have in its new houses heating and insulating devices borrowed straight from its fighting planes. To avoid standardization, five or six basic designs have been prepared. Pre-fabricated houses, according to engineers, architects, and themselves, will make possible great savings in labor. An average of less than 1,000 man-hours will be needed to build and assemble one of the ready-made homes. This compares with the average of 2,200 man-hours now needed to build an ordinary dwelling.

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Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

## Legal Phraseology

Started When Solicitors Were Paid On Word Rate Basis

G. Stuart, in the Ottawa Journal, says: An eminent lawyer informs me that the phraseology of present day legal documents harks back to the time when solicitors were paid on a word rate basis for the documents which they drew up. Human nature being what it is, this provided a plausible reason for the growth of the confusion of words that is known as legal phraseology. It provided no slightest vestige of reason for continuing it.

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## Heavy Interest

A Deposit Of \$150 After Many Years Earns \$6,095

Back in 1857 one Samuel Francis deposited \$150 in a Bath (Me.) bank. Not long ago the bank closed his account, paying his heirs the original \$150 plus \$6,095 interest.

That is an intriguing and an inspiring item; but what really caught our eye was another item that appeared about the same time under a heading which it is this provided a plausible reason for the growth of the confusion of words that is known as legal phraseology. It provided no slightest vestige of reason for continuing it.

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## PROVED SAFE ENOUGH

The Kansas City park department announced that a 50-year-old retaining wall along a street was unsafe—that it should be blasted down before it fell down. A dynamite squad to set the charge—"Boom!" went a 160-stick dynamite charge. But that was the only show there was—the wall didn't budge.

## C.W.A.C. "Goodwill Ambassadors" In Washington



—Canadian Army Photo.



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Carrying out the Good Neighbour Policy to the letter are girls of the Canadian Women's Army Corps stationed in Washington, D.C. During duty hours the girls may be found in the buildings of the Canadian and British Army Staffs. Of duty, their trim khaki uniforms are a familiar sight among the monuments and buildings of the busy U.S. capital. In the upper left, Pte. Robert Boas, U.S. Engineers, points out scenic highlights to Pte. Jean Mackie of Toronto. Upper right shows Pte. Alice Mason of Niagara Falls, Ont. (left) checking maps with Pte. Agnes Beirar of Regina, Sask. Lower left, three Corps members descend the stairs of the historic Lincoln Memorial. Left to right they are, Pte. Rebecca Sinton of Westbranch, N.B.; Pte. Ruby Saigson of Morse, Sask.; and Pte. Jean Morris of Ottawa.

## Future Travel

Railways Will Continue To Hold Supreme Place In Transportation

No doubt the future will see more and better highways, and more buses on them; and sea as well a people more air-minded in the matter of travel with the result that as many as passengers in speed, security and comfort. Even that picture does not destroy the basic fact that people will continue to live and work and play and eat on the earth's surface; and that, this condition of life continuing, the railways will continue in their supreme place as transportation factors—Ottawa Journal.

## NECESSARY INFORMATION

"There's an unexploded bomb buried here," said the A.R.P. chief as he pointed a warden, "probably weighing a ton. Just keep an eye on things, and blow your whistle if anything happens."

"O.K.," replied the warden, "but do I blow it going up or coming down?"

## PROVIDED BIG JOB

The trunk of a 400-year tree which crashed at Ditchling, England, provided a Suffolk sawmill with its biggest job. One section of the trunk was six feet in diameter.

Spanish explorers in 1508 introduced American timber to Europe believing it would cure many serious diseases of mankind.

# System Of District Libraries Seen As A Post-War Project In Many Rural Communities

WHEN Canada was first being settled, a school was always part of each new frontier settlement, for the pioneers were determined that their children would be literate, and that books would be available to all of them. That's why Canada was the first British colony to boast a community library, the forerunner of the public, or free libraries. Today, the pioneers' vision of free libraries has materialized in part.

Throughout the Dominion there are 637 public libraries circulating more than 22,000,000 volumes, each year, without charge, to about 1,100,000 registered borrowers. Despite her widespread libraries, however, Canada is still short of the goal of making books available, without cost, to all. Cities, towns and larger villages are well served, but vast rural areas are still largely without books. The provinces are alert to the need and are having already had some experiments in sending books beyond the well-settled districts.

First to take books into the Canadian wilderness was the Hudson's Bay Company. In the early 19th century they installed small libraries in fur trading posts in the far North. In 1890, the Aberdeen Association was formed in Winnipeg to distribute books to isolated settlements in the West. Three years later the same organization formed branches in 100 additional cities. In 1896, British Columbia, then largely a lumbering and mining province, organized her first travelling library, which, in improved form, still visits camps and ranches in several districts. In 1901, the Frontier College was formed by the Canadian Reading Camp Association, and ever since a library has been familiar equipment in almost every construction, railway, lumber and mining camp in Canada.

In the provinces, a post-war system of libraries is one project to be undertaken. This system, known as the "county libraries" was a going concern 10 years ago, when there were 73 in operation, but hundreds more of them will have to be provided.

This county system provides a large library for several communities, which pool their library resources in either cash or books, with each member of any of the communities allowed to draw on the whole collection. The libraries are staffed by a trained librarian and assistant, are centrally located. Books from the main library are constantly exchanged by use of a "bookmobile" or truck with those located at the district book depots from which each local community draws its volumes. These libraries on wheels may be the answer to the rural book problem and constitute the final effort to make books available to all.

**NOT ONLY IN POLITICS**

One of the worst promises of the war was made by Marshal Goering when he said that no bombs would ever fall upon the Reich. He might have heeded the prudent advice of Napoleon III: "In politics it is very important never to say 'never'."

In North Africa British carrier pigeons were clocked carrying a message 35 miles in 32 minutes.



Throughout the Dominion, in communities large and small, there are many excellent, well-stocked libraries. Five years ago, the rental library in the coal mining town of Blairmore, Alta., had a bank balance of four cents. Now, through the efforts of some of the town's citizens, local firms, and individual donations, the library is paying for itself financially, and paying more dividends in education and entertainment for the townfolk and their families. In this picture two youngsters are choosing books for their whole family to read. (National Film Board Photograph).

## New Cap Badge Identifies Technical Training Corps

A new cap badge has been authorized for members of the Canadian Technical Training Corps of the Canadian Army. The Corps is instrumental in training future Technical Officers—non-commissioned Officers and other ranks for the Canadian Active Army.

All personnel enlisted into the Corps are in the same rank and category, are of high material calibre and the minimum age limit of 17 years. Personnel must have the consent of their parents or guardian and also be recommended by the principal of the last school they attended.

Immediately upon enlistment personnel receive a minimum of two weeks military training before being placed in a three month Orientation course, during which the candidate spends a period of time in the following related academic subjects: English, General Science and Mathematics. The remainder of the course is spent in a trade work in the following line: Automotive, Drafting, Bench Metal, Woodworking and Electricity.

Upon completion of this course, personnel are selected for further training in one of the following 10 monthly courses: Clerical, Drafting, Electrical, Machine Shop, Auto, etc. Nine hours of military training is given each week during the trade training courses. Centres are presently being operated at Victoria, B.C.; St. John's, Newfoundland; Ontario, Toronto, Ont.; Montreal, Que.;



Rimouski, Que. (French speaking); Fredericton, N.B., and Saint John, N.B.

Members of the Canadian Technical Training Corps will not exceed 18 years of age and have reached their nineteenth birthday.

## British Home Of Future

### Ten Housewives Will Have Opportunity To Give Their Opinion

Ten British housewives will be given a pig in an experiment to evolve a better way of life for the future. Work

is to be done in the military Work

Centres in all parts of the Dominion are salvage conscious these days and the W.V.S. Centres in many cities, realizing the importance of salvage work, have co-operated magnificently with the National Salvage

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The Montreal W.V.S. Centre is particularly active in emphasizing the need for salvage. A recent report received from Montreal points to the fact that paper salvaged, can be re-processed into cartons for blood plasma packages for surgical dressings and other vital supplies of Montreal says. Let every W.V.S. volunteer ready today to save a life by saving salvage.

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## This Week's Needlework

### Slope Of The Royal Navy Have Contributed Much To Destruction Of Submarines

The five sloops of the Royal Navy which destroyed six U-boats in 20 days are the first sloops to come into prominence. The sloop is still swifter and bigger and more heavily armed than the frigate and seems to be at least one answer to the U-boat. Sloops are one of the family of convoy escort ships that have grown up since the war and have contributed much to the doom of Doenitz and his U-boats.

### FACTS ABOUT FROGS

Frogs never drink water—they absorb it through the skin. They do not breathe, but swallow air. When the skin splits, as the frog grows old, he pulls it off and swallows it.



by Alice Brooks

Here's an eye-catching idea that lends itself to great variety of arrangement. Crocheted fan...embroidered flowers in varied designs! Make a difference.

Pattern 7688 contains a transfer pattern of 8 motifs  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x 7 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x 13 inches; crochet directions; list of materials.

To obtain this pattern send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Department of National Health and Welfare, 175 McDermott, Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number. "Copy of pattern and the mailing delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

**USES LIGHTED TUNNEL**

One British railway now has a floodlit tunnel where its locomotives can be examined during the blackout. The 80-foot-long "light tunnel", an invention of the London and North Eastern Railway, has fluorescent lighting along its white walls.

**U-BOAT'S GRIEF CONCERN**

An American pilot flying in China believes that he has discovered a mountain higher than Mount Everest. Since he came upon his discovery while flying off course, his chief concern was not measuring the altitude of mountains, but getting back home.

## Salvage Conscious

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## American And British

### English Journal Makes Some Comments On Their Visitors

In fairness then to our American guests we should remember these few but fundamental facts:

—They are foreigners. Only a small percentage have any British forbears.

—That the similarity between our languages is misleading. Try out the word "homely" on any American, and you will see what I mean.

—That they are all young in spirit as well as in body, and that the mistake that they made is likely to spring from too quick enthusiasm and too little background.

—That though we may be spiritually far more civilized, materially they have the advantage. They know the value of comfort.

—They are no more superior to us than we are to them. We throw our weight about when it comes to antiquity. We can hardly blame them if they throw their weight about when it comes to size. It is worth noticing that they very seldom do so.

—That like all children they are very sensitive. They mistake our British reticence and reserve for the cold shoulder and positive dislike.

They come from a land where everybody knows everybody, and everybody entertains everybody at sight. The contrast makes us seem unfriendly.—S. F. B. Malls in Bristol Post.

## MAP-READING IN DARK

Map-reading in the dark has been made possible by the development of a fluorescent plastic envelope that glows under the "black light" of near-ultraviolet rays.

The name U-boat is a shortened English form of the German "unterseeboot".

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# Heroic Stories Are Told Of Women In Occupied Europe Who Are Fighting The Enemy

ONE of the most heartrending, the most heroic stories of the war cannot be written yet. It's a tale more stirring than all the sagas of the Boudicca, the Joan of Arcs, the Laura Secords, the Edith Cavell of the world. It's the story of the women of underground Europe, the Dutch Gretchenes, the French Maries, the Polish Irenas, who went on fighting when their men were dragged away from them to Germany, when hunger was gnawing agony, when their children were killed before their eyes.

It's the story of gentle women turned cruel and cunning, of soft young girls turned tough guerrilla warriors. It's the story of women who know the penalty of their patriotism is death, sometimes by torture.

The story may have a happy ending one day, but today it is still under-taking, tragically, heroically. That is why those who have come to London from within the European prison won't talk much about Gretchen, Marie and Irene lest they point the finger of the Gestapo into underground tactics still secret.

Yugoslavia is one exception. "Our work isn't underground any more. It's out in the open," Nevena Gulliland, a Yugoslavian woman working for her country in London, said proudly.

"The women of my country are fighting with their men, manning machine guns, standing sentry duty, taking part in guerrilla attacks on German soldiers. Some of our women rose to be the commander of a women's machine gun unit."

"About one-third of our total forces fighting under General Tito are women, mostly students and peasant women."

In Czechoslovakia more women have been executed by the Gestapo than in any other European country. Between May 28, 1942, and July 1942, for the assassination of Hitler Heydrich, Hitler's deputy, 1,376 Czechs paid with their lives and at least one-seventh of these were women—and these figures exclude the people of Lidice and Lezany, Czech villages razed to the ground.

But with the shadow of their heads held above their heads, Czech women, mostly mothers and food workers, taking part in guerrilla attacks on German soldiers, toting along a country lane with their baskets of vegetables, surreptitiously deliver packages bringing news of the outside world.

So bravely and thoroughly have Polish women become part of the underground mosaic that German papers in Poland have published warnings to their soldiers. One article admonishes the army of occupation that the Polish girl who waits on them in restaurants, serves them on their farms, all belong to the underground and are listening carefully for Nazi secret agents.

A girl in her teens who was beaten to death with steel whips refused to end to turn informer on the underground paper for which she had been a reporter.

Radio is the life blood of the Polish underground today, and women there too play an important part, though

## Ho Hum! Just Another Bombing!



Harry Woods seems quite calm and cool as he lounges at the entrance to his bomb-blasted home in London, Eng. Says Woods, "I say my prayers every night and I think this has preserved me."

## Saves Child



Walter Fetterly, Canadian Pacific Railway locomotive engineer, of Winnipeg, was bringing his freight train into Minnedosa, Man., when he saw an object struggling in a hole in the ice of the Little Saskatchewan river. He stopped his train, ran to the river and "bellied" his way out over the ice to save the life of an eight-year-old Minnedosa girl who had fallen in. Engineer Fetterly has been 34 years with the Canadian Pacific, enlisted on August 31, 1941, and was overseas for four years in the first Great War.



## SAFE MILK SUPPLY NEEDED

"Individuals who agitate against the pasteurization of milk and milk products are not serving the best interests of their fellow countrymen," the Health League of Canada, said. The League reaffirmed its determination to achieve national compulsory pasteurization.

"Those individuals who, chiefly by letters to newspapers, attack the advisability of pasteurization are either ignorant of the facts or are prompted by other motives." The Health League declared. "The public should realize that these persons are putting up their unsupported opinions against the universal findings of the medical profession and associated scientific workers."

"Milk is a wholesome, beneficial food, if proper precautions are taken. In its raw state it is a menace to health and life," the League said. "It is doubtful if in all the wars in human history as many people have been killed, as there have been by drinking unpasteurized milk."

"Weeding out of dairy herbs those animals which suffer from tuberculosis, Bovine's disease, and other communicable diseases, is a necessary step, but this action will not assure a safe milk supply," it was stated. Milk has frequently been found to have been contaminated by human handlers.

"Those who oppose pasteurization should be prepared to accept some responsibility for the harvest of lives and sickness taken annually in Canada by such milk-borne diseases as bovine tuberculosis, undulant fever, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, septic sore throat, diphtheria and scarlet fever."

## Lend-Lease

Says Russia Has Asked U.S. To Continue Aid For Three Years After The War

The London Sunday Observer said that Russia has asked the United States to continue lend-lease aid for three years after the close of the war in Europe.

Washington's reply, the newspaper continued, was reported to be a request for a promise that Russia will co-operate fully with the Western powers in the waging of the war against Japan.

"On this question, however, Moscow has been reluctant to make any commitment," the Sunday Observer said.

"The result is that Washington has deferred giving a definite reply to the Russian lend-lease request and now is considering what policy to adopt should the Russians remain unwilling to pledge support in the war against Japan."

A ship travelling in convoy to England requires two and a half months for a round trip.

Safety pins were first devised by Walter Hunt in 1849.

## WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Children are playing in the streets of Gibraltar after an absence of almost four years, despatches from La Linea said.

London's anti-aircraft barrage for one night costs \$450,000, Sir Harold MacKintosh, chairman of the national savings committee, disclosed.

Life insurance policies in effect in Canada stood at \$8,534,185,275 at Dec. 31, 1943, an increase of \$658,379,970 from Dec. 31, 1942.

Since Canada's entry into the war, more than 100,000,000 tons of food, munitions and essential materials have been sent over the Atlantic.

There are 60,431 Italian prisoners of war in South Africa. Of these, 10,434 are employed by farmers and 3,675 are employed on government works.

Railway traffic in England has reached a new "high" to the extent that the railways are now operating 1,000,000 ton miles per hour more than they did before the war.

Great Britain made a survey of the historic monuments in the British Isles and found 3,800, 2,205 of these are in England, 600 in Wales, and 808 in Scotland.

Hilter has decreed that "every man in Great Germany will have to learn to shoot." The German News Agency, reporting the order, said "every German ready to defend his fatherland must show his readiness."

The Polish population of Warsaw has fallen to 750,000 from a 1939 total of 1,300,000, the Polish Telegraph Agency said, and more than 500 people are dying monthly there of tuberculosis.

## Waiter Was Cautious

Not Taking Any Chances Of Getting Into Trouble

As we go through life, a suburban matron stated to the Billings, Mont. for an appointment with her husband, who had arranged to take her to lunch with a business acquaintance. Not finding him in the lobby, she made for the dining room. At the entrance, the headwaiter asked if he could help her. "No thank you," the matron said. "I just want to go inside and look for my husband. He's lunching here with a friend." At this, the headwaiter obtrusively blocked her way and curiously inquired, "A lady?" "No, a man," she said. "Oh, that's all right, then," he said, bowing her in.—The New Yorker.

12 years building one masterpiece spent 12 years building one masterpiece which ran 16 months on one winding.

In 1935 a Russian glider pilot made 300 loops, said to be a world record.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

**THE GAY VIENNESE WALTZES**  
OF JOHANN STRAUSS  
WERE NOT WRITTEN  
DURING HAPPY, JOYOUS  
TIMES, BUT  
WHEN AUSTRIA  
WAS  
MELANCHOLY  
FROM WAR  
AND A  
FINANCIAL  
DEPRESSION.

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**CHEYENNE,  
WYOMING**  
IS CREDITED WITH MORE  
MOUNTAINS THAN ANY OTHER  
U. S. CITY.  
TO ATTAIN GREAT HEIGHTS, ONE  
MUST STAY ON THE LEVEL,  
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## REG'LAR FELLERS—Time to Retire



BY GENE BYRNES

## Trans-Canada's First Employee



## Still Quite Sound

Church In Rome Has Oldest Wooden Doors In Existence

Cypress manufacturers are proud of the fact that the oldest wooden doors in existence are the cypress doors of Saint Sabrina's Church in Rome. These doors, made about 425 A.D., are carved to represent the life of Christ, and are said to be the earliest illustration of the Crucifixion extant. After more than fifteen hundred years' exposure the doors are still quite sound. Decay has not touched them.

## A LOT OF WOOL

Evidence of returning freedom of the seas may be found in the news that the United States is being swamped with wool. Ships returning from Australia and New Zealand are carrying wool as ballast, and now there is a stockpile of about 300,000 pounds. Still, wool is a good thing to have about in this variable climate.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

## Disappearing Islands

Many Are Nothing But Tops Of Submarine Volcanic Peaks

There are volcanic areas under the sea as well as on land, and many islands are nothing more than the tops of submerging volcanic peaks. Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean, for instance, is thought to be the top of a submerged mountain 14,000 feet high, and Pantelleria is an extinct volcano. About a hundred years ago an island of cinders and ashes rose 200 feet out of the sea between Sicily and the African coast, though in three months it was washed away by the waves. In the Bering Sea, too, islands have been rising and disappearing frequently during the last century. Here, land formed by an eruption is frequently submerged by the next, and Bogoslof Island especially has been a nuisance to navigators.

One of the most comfortable places to live is just within your income.—

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1 Egyptian goddess  
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12 Sand mound  
13 Seed plant  
14 Constellation  
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17 Mulberry  
18 Free  
19 Accurate  
21 To wear  
22 State  
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29 To breathe  
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34 Note of scale  
35 Made full of  
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**VERTICAL**  
4 Adventure  
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51 To carry  
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## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"I took my name and address... I hope it isn't just for the hospital records."

BY GENE BYRNES



